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SUBJECT: SPEECH BY FEDERAL MINISTER OF FISHERIES AT MEETING OF
FISHERIES COUNCIL OF CANADA IN HALIFAX.

1. ON MAY 5, 1975 THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF FISHERIES,
ROMEO LE BLANC, ADDRESSED DELEGATES TO THE FISHERIES
COUNCIL OF CANADA IN HALIFAX.
2. MINISTER BEGAN BY MENTIONING PROBLEMS OF CANADIAN
GROUNDFISH INDUSTRY AND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF FEDERAL
MONEY CONSTANTLY INJECTED INTO INDUSTRY TO RESCUE IT.
HE SET UP A TEAM LAST DECEMBER TO STUDY EVERY ASPECT
OF THE INDUSTRY INCLUDING AMOUNT OF MONEY GOVERNMENT
SPENDS ON IT. HE FEELS GROUP S WORK WILL BRING OUT
CONCLUSIONS ON HOW TO PREVENT GROUNDFISH INDUSTRY
REMAINING A CHRONIC PATIENT.
3. LE BLANC, REFERRING TO ICNAF, SAID THAT QUOTE
INTERNATIONALLY...WE HAVE PROVIDED AT LEAST SOME
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PROTECTION FOR STOCKS...BUT NOT ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN THE

STOCKS AT LEVELS WHERE THEY CAN MAKE OUR FISHERIES
PAY UNQUOTE.

4. MINISTER SAID THAT FOREIGN FISHING ISSUE IS ONE OF
MAIN QUESTIONS ENGAGING 146 NATIONS AT LAW OF SEA
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. ALTHOUGH NOT WISHING TO COMMENT
YET ON GENEVA MEETING HE SAID THAT, QUOTE WHAT WE DO
KNOW FOR CERTAIN, AS A RESULT OF GENEVA AND CARACAS,
IS THAT THE COASTAL NATIONS OF THE WORLD--NATIONS
WHOSE FISHERIES ARE UNDER RECKLESS ATTACK--NATIONLS
WHOSE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IS BEING ABUSED--NATIONS LIKE
OURS ARE UNITED IN THEIR DETERMINATION THAT THE STATUS
QUO...MUST GO UNQUOTE. AND HE SAID THE CHANGES MUST
COME SOON. STOCKS MUST BE MANAGED AND CONSERVED.

5. LE BLANC THEN DISCUSSED THE QUOTE CONFLICTINGMYTH
UNQUOTE THAT CANADA S INSHORE FISHERY IS IN DANGER
OF IMMINENT DEATH. HE SAID THAT IF IT IS ALLOWED
TO DIE IT WOULD AFFECT MANY OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL AS
THE FISHERMEN THEMSELVES.

6. MINISTER SAID THAT NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS MORE
OFF SHORE JURISDICTION. QUOTE AT THE LAW OF THE SEA
IN GENEVA, IT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS THAT THE VAST
MAJORITY OF NATIONS WILL BUY THE IDEA OF A 200 MILE
ECONOMIC ZONE UNQUOTE. SECOND GOAL IS A GOOD LIFE
FOR THE FISHERMEN WITH LESS ECONOMIC FEAR.

7. FULL TEXT OF MINISTER LE BLANC S QUOTE NOTES
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